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Sir:

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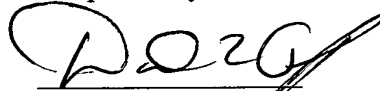
Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 3-6232 appears to disclose an indoor unit of an air conditioner having a sliding panel in the front.

Japanese Utility Model Publication No. 4-20923 appears to disclose a panel structure for an air conditioner having both an air inlet and outlet in the front face.

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Prompt examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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		EP-1271065-A	01/02/2003	LEE et al.		N/A
		JP-2000-111082-A	04/18/2000	HOSOKAWA		Yes
		JP-2003-014249-A	01/15/2003	LEE et al.		Yes
		JP-3-6232-U	01/22/1991	TOBITA		No
		JP-4-20923-U	02/21/1992	SHIZUKA		No
		JP-7-12821-U	01/17/1995	SHIGENARI		Yes
		JP-9-210402-A	08/12/1997	FUJIMORI et al.		Yes
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